

Specification Amendments

Please amend the subparagraph of page 2, lines 17-21 of the specification as follows:

-- The present invention therefore provides a process ~~A—process~~ for preparing complexes of metals of groups 6 to 10 of the Periodic Table of the Elements by reacting a compound of a metal of groups 6 to 10 of the Periodic Table of the Elements with compounds of the formula II and/or III --

Please amend the paragraph of page 14, lines 17-22 of the specification as follows:

-- The metal complexes (I) can be prepared in accordance with the invention in the presence of compounds which can coordinate to metal centers as ligands. These include solvents capable of coordination, such as tetrahydrofuran or acetonitrile, and compounds which are known as ligands suitable for metals. These include, for example, phosphorus(III) compounds such as phosphines, phosphites, phosphinites, ~~phosphinites~~, phosphonites, phosphabenzenes, nitriles, isonitriles, alkenes, alkynes, dienes, halides, amines. --

Please amend the paragraph of page 16, lines 10-15 of the specification as follows:

-- Depending on the requirement, acids or bases may be added to the catalytic reaction. In addition, further ligands or ligand precursors may be present in addition to the metal complex (I). Preference is given to using as additional ligands phosphorus(III) compounds such as phosphines, phosphites, phosphinites, ~~phosphinites~~, phosphonites, and compounds according to the general formulae (II) to (X). The molar ratio of excess ligand to the metal complex (I) is from 500:1 to 0:1, preferably from 100:1 to 0:1, more preferably from 50 :1 to 0:1, per ligand. --